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SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU :—" May I know who bore the charges of the training camp? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I can find out later on."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the directors of these societies are nominated, and if so, who nominates them? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" To start with the first set of directors have been nominated by the authority on the spot. It is only a temporary arrangement. As soon as the societies are able to stand on their legs without any further help, election will take place according to the rules."

DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" In view of the great ignorance that prevails in the House on this subject, will the Government publish a statement explaining the genesis of these producer-*cum*-consumer co-operative societies, the persons who are responsible for the creation of the present societies, the method of election of directors by shareholders, the method by which secretaries to the various societies were appointed and also give a brief report on the working of each one of these societies up to 31st March of this year? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have laid before the Assembly yesterday the whole of the procurement figures for Guntur till nearly the end of this month."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" When I was referring to that subject, I was asked not to refer to it."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Because it was specifically asked, I said we have placed a copy on the table of the other House. Certainly we will place a copy of the same on the table of this House also. But with regard to the working of the whole scheme as demanded by Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar, I should ask for some time. I shall certainly call for a report and give all the information asked for."

DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" It will be very helpful to decide the issue with regard to these societies."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Can we get an assurance from the Government that the request of the hon. Member will be complied with? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I said that the Government accept the suggestion and will certainly comply with the request."

Permits to motor cars.

* 163 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of new motor cars which became available for distribution since 1st May 1945 and the number distributed in the city and the districts (districtwar figures);

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(*b*) the names of applicants who secured permits since 15th January 1946;

(*c*) whether before granting permit the fact that the applicants already possess cars is verified and if so, who the verifying authority is;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that people owning cars in good condition have been granted permits;

(*e*) whether there is any objection to the grant of permits to owners of cars of make of particular year or years;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that application for permits from persons such as Presidents of Co-operative Wholesale Stores who have to supervise and control procurement and distribution operations have long been pending;

(*g*) what steps are taken to prevent the sale of new cars by permit-holders and whether there have been any prosecutions for the violation of the rule relating to the sale of new cars without permission; and

(*h*) whether the Government will place on the table of the House the instructions issued by Government to the Provincial Motor Transport Controller from time to time relating to grant of permits of new cars?

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" (*a*) 960 new cars became available for distribution during the period from 1st May 1945 to 3rd March 1947. (Under clause 7 of the Madras Civil Motor Cars Control Order, 1947, fourteen new cars out of 142 imported into this Province have been reserved up to date for distribution by the Provincial Motor Transport Controller.) The number of new cars distributed in the city and the districts is given below :—

Vizagapatam	15
East Godavari	11
West Godavari	8
Kistna	12
Guntur	16
Nellore	10
Anantapur	7
Bellary	6
Cuddapah	[illegible]
Kurnool	1
Chittoor	10
Chingleput	9
North Arcot	19
South Arcot	8
Salem	16
Trichinopoly	19
Tanjore	7

Tinnevelly	9
Madura	34
Ramnad	8
Malabar	45
South Kanara	10
Coimbatore	75
The Nilgiris	32
Madras	572
Total ...	960

"(*b*) A list [a] of persons to whom permits were issued from 1st January 1946 is placed on the table of the House.

"(*c*) The applicants were required to furnish this information in the printed form of application used for the purpose but the statements were not verified unless the Provincial Motor Transoprt Controller had any reason to doubt their authenticity.

"(*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*f*) of question No. 23 (starred) answered on the floor of the House on 8th August 1946.

"(*e*) Government had issued instructions that it should not normally be considered as a genuine reason that a owner wanted a smaller car or that a car of 1939 or later model was not sufficiently dependable.

"(*f*) Among businessmen, co-operative wholesale stores and presidents of such stores have been given preference in granting permits for new cars. Ten applications were received from co-operative societies or presidents of such societies of whom six have been granted permits so far. Of the four remaining, one application was in September 1946, two in October 1946 and one in December 1946.

"(*g*) The Civil Motor Cars Control Order, 1945, was amended in November 1946 to prevent transfer of ownership of cars bought under permit. There have been no prosecutions for violation of clause 9 (*a*) of the Civil Motor Cars Control Order, 1945.

"(*h*) Instructions were issued to the Provincial Motor Transport Controller from time to time. Government do not consider it desirable that such instructions, which are confidential, should be placed on the table.

"For the information of the House, I shall read the answer given to clause (*f*) of question No. 23 referred to in the answer to clause (*d*) of this question—The question was—

'(*f*) whether it is a fact that permits have been issued even to persons having one or more cars in good condition ;"

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 717—756 infra.

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" The answer was as follows :—

'(f) Permits have in some cases been issued to persons having only one car registered in their name. In most cases, their existing cars were old and some of those cars though in fair condition were stated to be uneconomical and undependable. In the case of big firms and institutions, permits have been issued, even though they were owning more than one car in fair condition, considering their needs '."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I am very grateful to the Hon. Minister for having given us so many facts and figures. May I know why only one car has been allotted to Kurnool district and whether the allotment depends upon the number of applications or the discretion of the Provincial Controller?"

The Hon. Mr. DANIEL THOMAS :—" The number of permits issued in any one district depends upon the number of applications and the urgent needs of the several applicants who apply."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it the opinion of the Government that the needs of Malabar received 45 cars and Nilgiris which received 32 are more than those of Kurnool where railway communications are very defective?"

The Hon. Mr. DANIEL THOMAS :—" There can be no standardization in these matters."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB Bahadur :—" Is the Government aware that when persons who owned cars, when they got permits for new cars they sold away their old cars for high prices?"

The Hon. Mr. DANIEL THOMAS :—" That was why the control orders were amended to prevent such abuses."

Mr. K. O. ANTHONI :—" Are the Government aware of the report widely prevalent in the City that a payment has to be made before getting a permit?"

The Hon. Mr. DANIEL THOMAS :—" I will be grateful if a specific case is brought to the notice of the Government."

Mr. K. O. ANTHONI :—" Will the Government make an enquiry if facts are placed before them?"

The Hon. Mr. DANIEL THOMAS :—" As I have already said, if a specific case is brought to the notice of the Government, the Government will make an enquiry."

Appeals against the order of Rent Controller.

* 164 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are still entertaining appeals against the orders of the Rent Controller;

(b) whether the Rent Control Act has taken away the jurisdiction of the Government and vested the power to redress entirely in the courts;